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Sir:

Prior to computation of the filing fees and examination of the above-referenced United States National Stage Application, Applicant respectfully requests that claims 2, 4-6, 8, 9 and 11-17 as originally filed in PCT/GB03/003484 be amended and new claims 18-26 be added as set forth in the listing of claims annexed hereto.